

The Planning System and the Failures of the Present System.

In a perfect world there should be no need for anyone to be homeless, hungry, thirsty or without full help when they suffer illness or want of one form or another.

Socialism has never seemed to work whatever form it takes. Communism seems, always, to become a dictatorship.

Capitalism is akin to a game of monopoly, you may start by dealing the cards, but as time passes, though everyone appears to enjoy the game, at first, as time goes by, some players drop out for many reasons and finally, there are only two players left and one of the final two has to drop out.

What is needed is that the cards need to be re-shuffled and a sense of real fairness should prevail.

Local Planning Procedure

1. There should not be more than 2 major applications held on one day.
2. Members of the public should be able to speak, within reason, for as long as it may take to explain the issues that the speaker may have with the particular application.
3. Councillors on the Planning Committee should be able to ask the members of the public any question regarding the points raised by that member of the public.
4. Developers should not be penalised by paying for an application which is refused. Why should developers have special advantages? Often, individuals cannot risk putting in an application, if it is lost. This would, at least, allow other applications and options to be considered.

5. The consequence may be that all applications which succeed would have to pay for those that are lost.

Local Planning Procedure

10. There should not be more than 4 major applications held on one day.

11. Members of the public should be able to speak, within reason, for as long as it may take to explain the issues that the speaker may have with the particular application. What local people may have to say, could inform The Planning Authorities as to what those who live in the area being considered and who maybe seriously affected by any decision being made about the issues which concern them.

12. Councillors on the Planning Committee should be able to ask the member of the public any question regarding the points raised by that member of the public or by an applicant for Planning Permission’.

13. Developers should not be penalised by paying for an application which is refused. Often individuals cannot risk putting in an application, if it is lost. This would allow other applications and options to be considered. The consequence may be that all applications which succeed would have to pay for those that are lost. However, it should be remembered that most applications seem to go through in the end.

Build, Build, and Build

14. There are headlines in newspapers stating that a ‘New Care Crisis’ in respect of this over 75s, which is intended to fuel fears about ‘the social care system’ and at the same time it is stated in the same newspapers that the social care system will produce a demand and need

some 30,000 new homes which are needed for the very same pensioners. The reality is that most workers have more health problems as their age increases.

15. Then, next we read that Boris Johnson says the answer to all these problems is: "Build, Build, Build". It is not the answer to all Planning Applications, but may be to some 'Planning Applications'.

16. We are told that the housing market is the only thing that matters. If the price of property goes up, then all is fine, or so we are led to believe. The reality is that those who can sell for a £1 million can also buy for a £1 million. At the same time, those with no house to sell often end up as renters, living in the less elegant parts of any district, without proper gardens and in places where no honest person would wish to put his or her grandmother for their final days.

17. In fact, the 'free market' has it's own disadvantages. It, in turn, causes many of the problems. Those who benefit from 'planning gain', could make a contribution into a 'Planning Care Fund', being used to support those who have to rent, and have no other assets and/or contribute to the services provided by 'Care Homes' so that all the people residing in 'Care Homes' are blessed with all the benefits that such occupiers of Care Homes need.

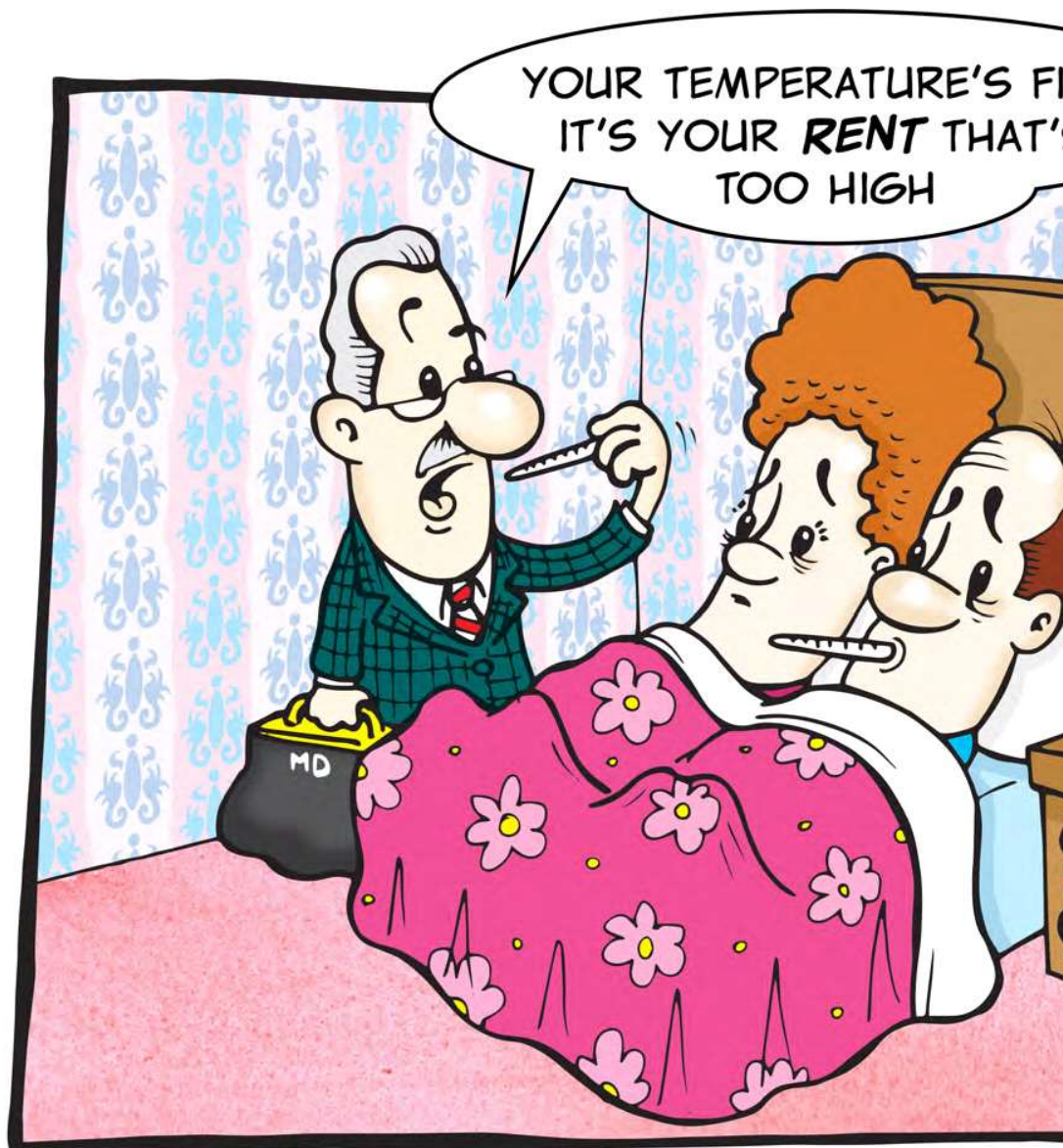
18. There are other complex problems such as the needs for retired Farm Workers. There is no real need for 'Farm Workers' to come here from abroad, if those who lived here were paid decent wages, even taking into account both their age and potential infirmities.

18. **Conclusion.** These are just some of the many problems produced by the lack of consideration and understanding, all of which flow from the very nature of the present system of hearing Planning Applications, their form, structure and their very real consequences.

Some ideas for this new layout and design where two thirds would be for growing fruit and vegetables for the residents.

For example, if we were to build 100 houses on 9 acres, and used 3 acres in a tiering design, and valued three acres at £100,000 an acre, and the 6 acres at £10,000 an acre, at Agricultural value, the overall price would be £360,000, bringing each house at £3,600 each.

If we for example, if we built a number of houses like this in every village , or on new large sites, we could spread out the housing issue and revitalize village life. We could add £20,000 a house for a care or community complex and a Local shop. It must be beneficial to bring a lorry load of goods to a village store or large development, rather than seeing 100s families travelling to town for their shopping, thus creating traffic gridlock and air pollution. A School could be included in larger developments. The design would be built one metre off ground, with water storage underground, and solar panels on the long roof, and possibly earth pumps on large developments. The six acres would be for leisure pursuits and growing fruit and vegetables for the residents.



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Farm workers.

With climate change, the United Kingdom could have some advantages in growing more crops we have seen grow in Southern Europe.

We have experienced for a number of years the employment of Eastern European workers coming to harvest crops in the UK. The reason these people come here, is not because British workers won't do the work on the farms, it's because we don't provide the accommodation to do so.

First of all, if you are fully employed, you can't take 3 months off to work somewhere else. Those coming from Eastern Europe can work all hours and what they can earn here will purchase much more in their own country. They can earn enough here so they don't have to work in the Winter back home.

So, we need to create a new way for the UK farm workers, that is to build affordable houses in the villages. This is not to say

build hundreds of homes ,but enough to house those who can work the fields, and live in the Winter month on what they have saved from the Summer work.

So how do we do it?Agricultural land should not become development land, so build modular homes for around £50,000, through a Community Land Trust,they cannot be sold onto the market for a higher price.

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